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1. FONOFF PLANS AUG 30 TO RELEASE TO PRESS IN SAIGON FOLLOWING (OR SIMILAR TEXT WITH MORE CURRENT FIGURES):

2. "AT PRESENT OVER SIXTY OFFICIED GUESTS FROM FIFTEEN NATIONS HAVE INDICATED THEY WILL ACCEPT THE INVITATIONS EXTENDED BY THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM TO OBSERVE ITS SEPT 3 NATIONAL ELECTIONS. THE OBSERVERS INCLUDE ONE JAPANESE GROUP ATTENDING UNER THE AUSPICES OF THE ASIAN PARLIAMENTARY UNION, AND NUMEROUS FOREIGN JOURNALISTS ATTENDING AT SPECIAL REQUEST OF THE GOVERNMENT OF VIETNAM. ADDITIONAL ACCEPTANCES ARE

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EXPECTED PRIOR TO THE ELECTIONS.

"A COMPREHENSIVE SCHEDULE HAS BEEN PREPARED BY THE MINISTRY

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OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMENCING SEPT 2 TO ENABLE THE FOREIGN GUESTS TO VIEW THE ELECTORAL PROCESS FREELY THROUGHOUT THE NATION. VISITS TO LOCAL POLLING PLACES IN THE DELTA AND CENTRAL VIETNAM AS WELL AS IN SAIGON ARE PLANNED. THE OFFICIAL OBSERVERS WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO MEET WITH CANDIDATES, AND WILL BE RECEIVED BY GENERAL THIEU, PRIME MINISTER KY, AND THE CHAIRMAN OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY PHAN KHAC SUU.

"THE FOLLOWING IS A PARTIAL LIST OF THE OBSERVERS:"

3. ABOVE IS FOLLOWED BY LONG LIST OF NAMES. COUNTRIES ARE: BELGIUM, JAPAN, PHILIPPINES, UK, AUSTRALIA, NETHERLANDS, SPAIN, LAOS, KOREA, NEW ZEALAND, GREECE, MALAYSIA, TURKEY, THAILAND, AND US. ONLY LABOR ORGANIZATION REPRESENTED IS AFL/CIO WITH IS PART OF US DLEGATION. APU IS SPONSORING NINE JAPANESE OBSERVERS. ALL OTHER OBSERVERS ARE GOVERNMENT

OFFICIALS OR JOURNALISTS. COMPLETE LIST WILL BE TRANSMITTED WHEN MADE FINAL.

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